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The following is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed July 31, 2003 based on the paper filed on July 22, 2003 in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003.

At the time of the filing of the July 22, 2003 paper, the undersigned submits that the response was fully compliant with the provisions of Rule 121 then in effect at the time of filing. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, the following revised response is submitted as being in compliance with the new provisions of Rule 121 effective for papers filed on or after July 30, 2003.